

**Resolution to declare an emergency in Franklin County, Ohio, due to severe storms and high winds.** (Commissioners)

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency has determined that the lives and well-being of the citizens of Franklin County have been severely affected by severe storms and high winds that occurred throughout the County on June 29, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor John R. Kasich has declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Ohio due to the dangerous conditions and damages resulting from the severe storms and high winds; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe storms resulted in fallen trees, downed power lines, widespread power outages to approximately 186,000 residences along with additional business and jurisdiction outages;

**WHEREAS**, the straight-line winds of June 29, 2012 caused widespread damage to property, debris-blocked streets and thoroughfares, and the interruption of services and business activities; and

**WHEREAS**, temperatures have exceeded one-hundred degrees and are predicted to remain in the high nineties for at least the next seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, the affected citizens, businesses, and jurisdictions in Franklin County may need financial assistance for debris removal, repairs to property, access to food, water, generators and equipment, and other supplies and services to protect life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, some of these services may not be covered by existing programs, insurance, or other funding sources; now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and Federal Statutes, declares a state of emergency within Franklin County effective on and from June 29, 2012 due to the severe storms and high winds, and hereby authorizes the preparation of requests for State or Federal public and individual assistance for affected residents, businesses, and jurisdictions.

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Cc: Michael Pannell, EM&HS Agency Director